

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and claim 11 amended in order to more clearly define the present invention. Specific support for the present invention may be found in the original specification on page 8, beginning at line 22. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 3,884,238 to O'Malley, et al. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled and traverse of the rejection of claim 11 is made on the basis of the amended claim.

Anticipation is established only when a single prior art reference discloses, expressly or under principles of inherency, each and every element of the claimed invention. RCA Corp. v. Applied Digital Data Systems, Inc., 221 USPQ 385 (Fed. Cir. 1984); In re Sun, 31 USPQ 2d 1451 (CAFC 1993); Advanced Display Systems, Inc. v. Kent State University, 540 USPQ 2d 1673 (CAFC 2000).

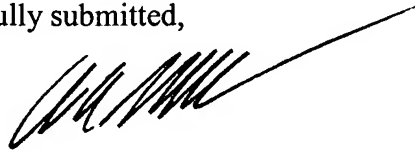
Further, the Applicants submit that anticipation must meet strict standards, and unless all of the same elements are found in exactly the same situation and united in the same way to form identical function in a single prior art reference, there is no anticipation. Tights, Inc. v. Acme-McCary Corporation, et al., 192 USPQ 305 (CAFC 1976).

Based on this criteria, it is clear that the O'Malley reference does not anticipate claim 11.

In view of the fact that there is no disclosure or suggestion of the stepper motor and cables interconnecting an inner sleeve with blade thereto, a rejection under 35 USC 102(b) on the basis of the O'Malley references is not sustainable. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 11 on the basis of the O'Malley, et al. reference.

In view of the arguments hereinabove set forth and amendment to claims and specification, it is submitted that the remaining claim in the application defines patentable subject matter not anticipated by the art of record and not obvious to one skilled in this field who is aware of the references of record. Reconsideration and allowance are respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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